

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 30, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1509

Introduced by Assembly Member Benoit

February 21, 2003

An act relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1509, as amended, Benoit. Office of Emergency Services: demonstration project.

The California Emergency Services Act sets forth the duties of the Office of Emergency Services in overseeing and coordinating various emergency response programs in the state.

This bill would require the office to conduct a demonstration project on the use of satellite linked devices that utilize geographic position system and geographic information system technologies in the management and deployment of mobile emergency response equipment and personnel. It would require the office to report, no later than January 1, 2005, to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Department of Justice on the results of the demonstration project, at which time the demonstration project would be terminated. *It would also specify that the demonstration project shall not be implemented until the Director of Emergency Services certifies to the Department of Finance that sufficient nonstate funding is available to the office for that purpose.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall
2 conduct a demonstration project on the use of satellite linked
3 devices that utilize geographic position system and geographic
4 information system technologies in the management and
5 deployment of mobile emergency response equipment and
6 personnel. In designing and implementing this demonstration
7 project, the office shall consult with the space enterprise
8 community and, in cooperation with the providers of these
9 technologies, shall demonstrate their application to the entities in
10 command and control of mobile emergency response equipment
11 and personnel as they would be used following a terrorist or natural
12 disaster event.

13 (b) *Consistent with existing state law, the office shall comply*
14 *with all applicable state contracting requirements in conducting*
15 *the demonstration project pursuant to this section.*

16 (c) (1) No later than January 1, 2005, the office shall report to
17 the Governor, the Legislature, and the Department of Justice on the
18 results of the demonstration project, at which time the
19 demonstration project shall be terminated.

20 (2) *The report shall include a detailed cost analysis of the*
21 *demonstration project, as well as the estimated future cost of*
22 *maintaining such a program statewide.*

23 (d) *It is the intent of the Legislature that no state funds shall be*
24 *expended for the purposes of the demonstration project. Therefore,*
25 *the demonstration project shall not be implemented until the*
26 *Director of Emergency Services certifies to the Department of*
27 *Finance that sufficient nonstate funding is available to the office*
28 *for that purpose.*

